

5 **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-25 remain in the application.

Claims 1-15 and 17 stand allowed.

Claims 18-21 stand rejected.

Claims 16 and 22-25 stand objected to.

10 Claims 16, 19, 21, 22 and 25 are herein amended.

Claim 18 is herein cancelled.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging and reviewing the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed.

15 **Claim Objections**

Claim 16 was objected to for a minor informality of reciting in the preamble, “the computer program product” of claim 15, when claim 15 is an “apparatus” claim. Correction is made by amendment herein. Claim 16 is now believed to be allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

20 Claims 18-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over US Patent 5,519,618 to Kastner, et al. in view of US Patent 6,862,519 to Walter.

Claim 18 is cancelled, whereby the rejection is made moot.

Claims 19-21 are made to depend from claim 22, which the Examiner has determined recites allowable subject matter and which is amended herein to read independent form. Claims 19-21 are 25 allowable at least as depending from now allowable claim 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 22 was objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was found to recite allowable subject matter. Claim 22 is rewritten herein in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, there being none.

30 Claim 22 is now believed to be allowable.

Claims 19-25 are believed to be allowable at least as depending from allowable claim 22.

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5 The claims now being in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully
requested.

If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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